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The Daily Beat

Do you have news or events that you would like the tribes to know about? Take advantage of our distribution network of tribal leaders, community organizations, and tribal liaisons in state and federal government by notifying us of your event.

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[Warm Homes, Warm Hearts: Montana Conservation Corps volunteers helping winterize area homes](#)

By ERIC NEWHOUSE , Tribune Projects Editor

BROWNING — As Craig Domes nailed each weatherization strip to the windowsill, his 2 1/2 year-old helper handed him another. "Shawn Dale likes to be helpful," said his grandmother, Violet Prociv. They were repairing a window that had been leaking cold air into her bedroom, so Prociv was grateful for the Montana Conservation Corps volunteers helping to weatherproof her rural house on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation.

[National Museum of the American Indian Director Announces Plan to Retire](#) [W. Richard West Jr. \(Southern Cheyenne\), director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian for 17 years, announced his resignation today, effective November 2007.](#)

(Media-Newswire.com) - "I have been privileged to serve as the founding director at the National Museum of the American Indian: a museum that I believe is truly like no other," West said. "One of my most poignant memories was the museum's spectacular opening on the National Mall two years ago, when 25,000 Native Americans and non-Native supporters staged what is believed to be the largest gathering of Native Americans in the nation's capital in modern history." West told his staff and the museum's board of trustees, "Now is the time for the museum to have new leadership, as it embarks on the second phase of its journey. My resignation next year will enable me to take on new special projects and pursue interests that I have yet to explore."

[Forestry is the new topic on tap at Blackfeet Community College](#)

By John McGill

"It's new, it's fully accredited and we've developed an articulation agreement with the University of Montana so students can transition between here and there," said John Gilham, chair of Blackfeet Community College's new Forestry Department. "We're gearing it toward transferring to UM or to Salish Kootenai College," he said.

[Diocese of Helena donates \\$1,500 to the Margie Kennedy Center](#)

By John McGill

The former director of the Margie Kennedy Center in Heart Butte, Wayne Juneau, announced Monday, Oct. 23, that the Catholic Diocese of Helena donated \$1,500 to the center, a check that was deposited in the Center's name in the Tribe's finance department. Established in 1982, Juneau said the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council cancelled his program, and his job, last week. Juneau noted the total annual budget for the MKC is about \$69,000 and that grant writing has made up the difference from tribal contributions the last 15 years.

JOB OPPORTUNITY:

The recruitment for the Highway Patrol Trooper officially begins October 27, 2006, with applications being accepted until **5 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2006.**

We are accepting entry level and lateral applicants. The results of this recruitment will be utilized to fill trooper positions for 2007.

Testing dates and locations are posted on the Patrol's website at www.doj.mt.gov . You will need to follow the links to the Patrol's site.

POST TEST SCORES MUST BE INCLUDED WITH APPLICATION.

OBTAIN APPLICATION MATERIALS AT JOB SERVICE, THE INTERNET, OR BY CALLING 406-444-3259.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

USDOJ

United States Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Prisoner Reentry Initiative (PRI)

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